

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 20-31 are currently pending in the subject application. Claim 29 is withdrawn from consideration. Claim 23 has been amended. Claim 20 is the sole independent claim.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgement of applicants' claim for foreign priority and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document in parent application Serial No. 10/384,495.

Applicants request, in the next Office action, that the Examiner indicate the acceptability of the drawings filed on February 9, 2004.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's consideration of applicants' Information Disclosure Statements filed on February 9, 2004, February 2, 2005, and July 13, 2005.

A. Introduction

In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner objected to claim 23 because of language informalities; rejected claims 20 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0000696 to Ma et al. ("the Ma et al. reference"); and objected to claims 21-23, 25-28 and 30-31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

B. Objection to Claim 23

In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner objected to claim 23 because of minor informalities, which are hereby corrected as requested by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

C. Verified English Translation

Attached hereto, please find a verified English translation for the Korean priority document, Korean Patent Application No. 2002-12985. The priority document has a filing date of March 11, 2002, which predates the effective date of the Ma et al. reference, which was filed in the U.S. on June 28, 2002. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Ma et al. reference is not a proper reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

D. Asserted Anticipation Rejection of Claims 20 and 24

In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 20 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the Ma et al. reference. As noted above, applicants respectfully submit that the Ma et al. reference is not a proper reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), since the effective priority date of the subject application predates the Ma et al. reference. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

E. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 21-23, 25-28 and 30-31. However, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that claim 29 be rejoined.

F. Conclusion


If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited, and an early and favorable further action upon all the claims is hereby requested.

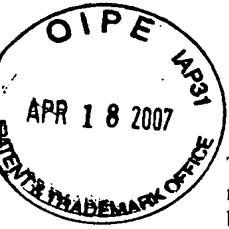
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